

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel allowed claims 2, 3, 5-10 and 12-14.

REMARKS

On June 10, 2002, a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed. Subsequently, on October 2, 2002, the Notice of Allowance for this application was mailed. It is evident that the Notice of Allowance issued for the claims remaining in the above-identified application, following the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed August 21, 2002. This Decision did not refer to the claims as submitted in the CPA.

The present Amendment is submitted to cancel most of the claims that were allowed by the Decision of the Board and that were identified in the Notice of Allowance, and to present, to the Examiner for further examination, the claims that were submitted by the CPA.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the Notice of Allowance, the acceptance of the CPA and the issuance of an Office Action on claims 15-22 submitted by the CPA are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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